

DEVICES AND METHODS FOR USE IN PREPARING CERTAIN FRUITS FOR CON- SUMPTION

Abstract

Devices for removing the meat from an avocado, papaya or similar fruit, and/or for slicing the meat are shown and described. In one particular embodiment, the device has a handle portion adapted to allow an individual to manually manipulate the device, and a working portion having an elongated blade and a pair of lateral extensions coupling opposing ends of the elongated blade to the handle portion. The elongated blade has a cross-sectional shape adapted to facilitate movement of the elongated blade through the meat of the fruit. The working portion of the device has a resting configuration in which the elongated blade has a first radius of curvature, and at least one of the lateral extensions is manipulable under a manual force during use to deform the working portion from the resting configuration to a displaced configuration in which the elongated blade has a second radius of curvature, to allow the individual to adjust the curvature of the elongated blade to conform it to the curvature of the skin before and

as the elongated blade moves through the meat of the fruit. The working portion of the devices comprises a resilient material such that, when the manual force is removed from the at least one lateral extension, the working portion automatically returns to the resting configuration.